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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a continuation patent application of Inventors: DAVID J. EDLUND and WILLIAM A. PLEDGER. This application is a continuation of and claims priority to U.S. Patent No. 6,221,117, which is a continuation-in-part of and claims priority to U.S. Patent No. 5,997,594, which is a continuation-in-part of and claims priority to U.S. Patent No. 5,861,137, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/190,917, which was filed on November 12, 1998, is entitled "Integrated Fuel-Cell System," and the disclosure of which is also hereby incorporated by reference.

For: FUEL PROCESSING SYSTEM

Enclosed are also:

14 sheets of drawings.

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I hereby certify that the attached Continuation Patent Application of David J. Edlund and William A. Pledger entitled "Fuel Processing System" accompanied by 14 sheets of Drawings are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Box PATENT APPLICATION, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.